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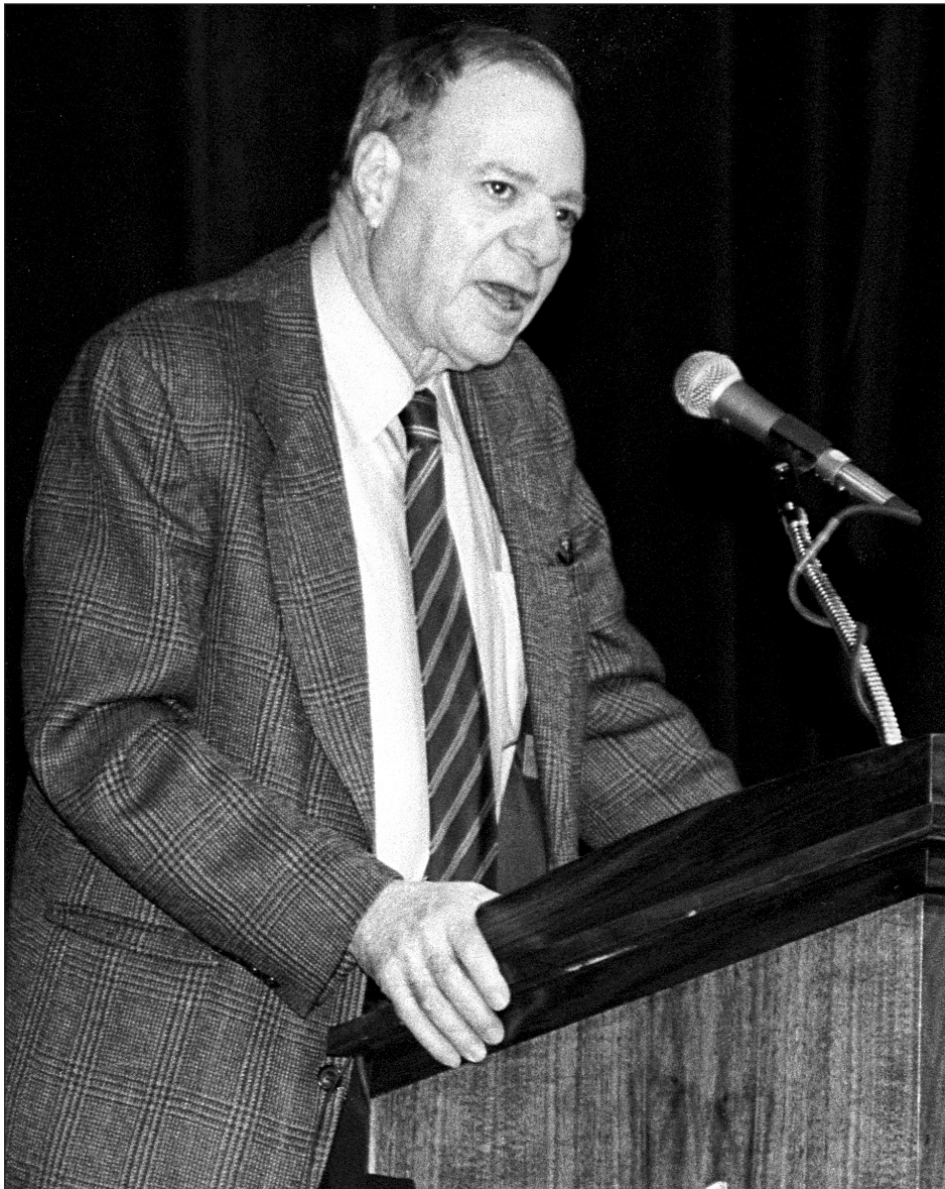
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**Don Oberdorfer speaks Wednesday evening in the PAR-TV Building about the life of the late Mike Mansfield, former Montana senator and diplomat. The lecture followed an afternoon book signing of Oberdorfer's recently published biography of the statesman.**

Rachel Cavanaugh/  
Montana Kaimin

## Mansfield's story

### Biographer recounts interviews from last years of senator's life

**Brendan Leonard**  
Kaimin Reporter

Writing the biography of former Montana Sen. Mike Mansfield was an unanticipated adventure, the author of "Senator Mansfield: The Extraordinary Life of a Great American Statesman and Diplomat" said Wednesday night.

"When I approached him, he completely rejected the idea," said Don Oberdorfer, a former correspondent for The Washington Post. "One of his close friends, Charlie Ferris ... said, 'Don't ask him, just do it. He'll talk to you, just do it.'"

Oberdorfer conducted 32 interviews with Mansfield over the last three years of the late diplomat's life, and had to watch himself all the time.

"As long as I didn't use the word 'biography,' everything was OK," Oberdorfer said. "I slipped up once and said something about his biography. As soon as the words were out of my mouth, he said, 'It's unauthorized.'"

Oberdorfer spoke to an audience of about 150 in the Montana Theatre, part of a visit to Missoula that included a book signing earlier in the day at Fact & Fiction. Oberdorfer's book was published in October and follows three of his previous books on the Cold War,

North and South Korea and the Vietnam war.

"The book is not an attempt to be an apology for whatever failures there were by Mike Mansfield, nor really is it attempt to glorify," Oberdorfer said. "It's an attempt to tell the story of Mike Mansfield, which is an amazing story."

Oberdorfer provided an oral history of Mansfield's life Wednesday night, telling stories of a young Mansfield walking from Great Falls to Shelby and hopping trains "like a hobo" to Washington state, his work in the Butte copper mines and meeting his wife, Maureen an English teacher from Butte High School.

Oberdorfer appeared in Great Falls Tuesday night, and said he regretted he wouldn't have a chance to visit Butte on his trip.

"I could not have this book come out and not come to Montana," Oberdorfer said. "All of Montana was home to Mansfield, and he felt very deeply about his Montana roots, as he made clear to me on a number of occasions."

Oberdorfer reviewed some of the highlights of Mansfield's career as a U.S. Senator from 1942-1977: Mansfield opposed President Johnson's stance on the Vietnam War three times in private

and spearheaded the Watergate investigation. Mansfield's courage and integrity was unmatched, Oberdorfer said.

"He had a kind of model authority because of the person he was, that has almost never been equaled in American history, and is not equaled, I believe, in our time," Oberdorfer said.

From 1977 to 1989, Mansfield served as U.S. ambassador to Japan, an impressive feat because of the longevity of his stay, Oberdorfer said.

"He was the ambassador of both Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, who hardly agreed on anything else in their lives, except their esteem for Mike Mansfield," Oberdorfer said.

Oberdorfer shared Mansfield's favorite salutation, "tap 'er light," a saying he took from his days in the Butte copper mines. Miners said "tap 'er light" to advise against tapping too heavily and causing rockslides in the mines. Mansfield adopted it as a substitute for "take it easy" or "goodbye," Oberdorfer said.

The saying became an important punctuation at the end of Oberdorfer's relationship with Mansfield, he said, during their last meeting in September 2001, a few days before Mansfield died.

"Those were the last words I heard from the former copper miner from Butte," Oberdorfer said. "So, tap 'er light."

## Out-of-state students staying at home

**Natalie Storey**  
Kaimin Reporter

Had out-of-state student Benjamin Roberts gone to school in his home state of Oregon this year, his tuition would have been about \$7,000 cheaper.

He wouldn't have had to take out any loans, which is one reason he thinks many out-of-staters have been deciding not to come to the University of Montana.

"The only thing I can think is that it's cheaper for them to stay in their state," he said.

Roberts is one of 2,483 out-of-state students at UM this year, down from 2,712 last year, according to the Office of Budget, Planning and Analysis. The number of out-of-state students at UM has dropped in each of the past five years. In 2000, UM had 3,034 out-of-state students — 551 more than this year.

While enrollment is increasing, the number of out-of-state students is falling, which negatively affects UM's budget because out-of-staters pay more for tuition.

"The bottom line is that the total enrollment is increasing, but

**University administrators seek more non-residents, who pay more in tuition**

the portion of the enrollment that are nonresidents has fallen," said Bill Muse, executive director of the Office of Budget, Planning and Analysis. "It hurts us tremendously on the revenue side because nonresidents pay much more in tuition."

Out-of-state students pay about \$10,000 in tuition each year, while in-state students pay less than half of that. Nonresidents who qualify for the Western Undergraduate Exchange Program pay about \$4,500 a year in tuition. There are 474 students on WUE at UM, according to the planning office.

Administrators are working to attract more out-of-state students to UM.

Recruiters in Enrollment Services are making more trips to more places, said Frank Matule, executive director of that office. Recruiters are making more stops on the East Coast this year, looking for prospective students in places such as New York City and Boston. They are also making more trips to the Northwest, spending more time in Seattle and Portland.

"In recruiting, we are casting the net wider, turning over more rocks, so to speak," Matule said. "What we need is to have more

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## ASUM VP ties up free-speech resolution

**Alisha Wyman**  
ASUM Reporter

ASUM Sens. Will Holmes and Christian Winkle's celebration of the one-vote margin that would have passed their resolution supporting a fair and balanced environment at UM was short-lived, as Vice President Gale Price exercised her right to make or break ties.

This new version of a resolution Holmes and Winkle wrote earlier in the semester failed when Price, who acts as the chairwoman at ASUM Senate meetings, voted against the resolution. She cited reasons such as the absence of several senators and the lack of stronger support.

"The burden of proof is on the people who are proposing the resolution," Price said. Holmes and Winkle had started to cheer after the apparent passing of the resolution, but were quieted after an ASUM adviser, Hayden Ausland, pointed out that Price could vote. She said she felt Holmes and Winkle failed to prove to the Senate the need to restate what is already in the student conduct code.

The resolution supports free speech in the classroom and equal

treatment of all student groups by ASUM.

In the resolution's modification, Holmes and Winkle sought the approval of Provost Lois Muir, four professors and other faculty advisers. They all approved the new version, Holmes said.

But even with the changes, Sen. Vinnie Pavlish said the resolution lacked purpose. The collective bargaining agreement between the University and the teachers' union already supports these ideals. There are also avenues students can take if they feel a professor has treated them unfairly, such as involving Ryan Thompson, the ASUM student resolution officer, or speaking with a department chairman, Sen. Pavlish said.

"Should we put into effect vacuous legislation that does nothing, or should we put into legislation that does something?" he asked. "Why are we voting on this when we already did?"

The first resolution failed when some senators thought it was trying to solve a problem that didn't exist. Controversy heightened when it came to light that some of the resolution was copied from a Web site called Students for

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# More fees on bills bad for students, groups

A common University student’s bill is filled with fees. There is a transportation fee, a UC renovation fee, a computer fee and even a Kaimin/recycling fee. All of these fees have been voted into place by students who thought they would be beneficial.

However, if a proposal supported by MontPIRG and ASUM is passed by the Board of Regents next week, we could see dozens of new fees for each of the student groups we individually choose to support, and this will not be beneficial to student groups or to ASUM.

The policy will make the process by which MontPIRG gets funding — through a voluntary, opt-in fee — available to any student group that can get 20 percent of UM’s students to support it.

The reasons for the voluntary student fee are not based in convenience; they are based in politics.

The current MontPIRG reaffirmation process was enacted by the Board of Regents because the board decided the student group had become too controversial and that mandatory student fees shouldn’t be used to support political causes.

The process was born in 1989 when MontPIRG supported a bill to place deposits on bottles statewide to increase funds for recycling. The bottling industry attacked MontPIRG, and found that they couldn’t tackle them on the issues, so they instead went after their funding.

Currently, MontPIRG collects money by passing out registration cards, sometimes at summer orientation sessions to incoming freshmen who are unaware of the fee collection policies set by the Board of Regents and their reasons for such an action.

While MontPIRG insists the fee can be removed from a student’s bill at any time, it is still troublesome for a student to call and go through extra steps to remove the fee. Many students feel it is not worth the trouble.

People could be approached as they walk on campus by countless groups trying to solicit support via the voluntary fee process, inconveniencing students.

Student groups will be unable to depend on a steady source of funding if the proposal passes. Many groups will expect a certain number of people to pay the fee each year, and those numbers will not be known until the beginning of fall semester when the bills are all paid. If the numbers come up short, the groups will end up in budget problems. They might go back to ASUM and ask for funds, or they might simply operate at bare bones.

The current system of student-group funding, in which all student groups lobby ASUM for funding allocations each spring, is a fair method of distributing funds.

We elect our ASUM senators each year in part because one of their primary responsibilities is doling out funds from our activity fee. We place this responsibility in their hands just as we do in other forms of representative government in America. The funding process is too complex for every single student to make a wise, educated decision about how much money each of the hundreds of student groups on campus deserves.

But if MontPIRG’s proposal goes through, it could be just that: a cadre of student groups that will be constantly pestering students to pay them.

Let’s keep our trust in funding with our senators.

—Christopher Rodkey, editor

## The Montana Kaimin welcomes letters to the editor.

Please keep letters under 300 words, and include your name, phone number, year in school and major.

Guest columns may also be submitted; they must be 700 words.

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### Plus/minus grading should include A’s

Although I understand ASUM’s resolution to make plus/minus grading mandatory, I have a few questions about the grading system itself. For one, why are our “representatives,” who are supposed to vote in the interest of the student body, supporting this new grading system? I strongly doubt a majority of the students at UM want the new plus/minus system. I may be wrong, but every student I’ve discussed this issue with has strongly opposed the implementation of the new system. It seems like our student body leaders are neglecting the interest of their constituency.

In regards to the new grading system, why is there a possibility of receiving a plus mark in every letter grade except the A range? If you are a consistent B student, for example, and you receive both a B- and a B+, these grades will balance out and the student will receive a GPA that is constant with a normal B average. However, this luxury of balancing out a minus grade with a plus grade is not possible in the A level of grading. What is the logic behind leaving the plus possibility unavailable for a student who excels in the A grade range? This will hurt a student who may receive an A-, thus receiving 3.67 points instead of the 4 points the grading system currently gives for an A. By adding the possibility of receiving a plus for A letter grades, a student would be given points higher than a 4.0, which would in turn balance out the 3.67 points an A- earns in the new grading system, which is a luxury given each letter grade besides the A level. It follows that the new system neglects those who are consistent A students while giving preference to students who obtain grades lower than A’s. Amending the new grading system by adding the plus possibility to A-level grading would give the same advantage of receiving a higher GPA that a B+, C+, and even D+ offer students who are subjected to minus grading.

I think ASUM should highly consider this change. Not doing so would be a disservice to a portion of UM students who work hard to obtain a 4.0 GPA. Although the plus/minus grading system is institutionally debatable in itself, if it must be instituted, at least make it fair to UM students as a whole. ASUM has seemingly neglected its constituency’s opinion of not wanting this grading system. I would suggest ASUM make more of an effort in upcoming events to “represent” the majority of UM students’ interests, instead of voting on intuition or self-interest.



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### Bush based war on morality, not religion

As an atheist, I am encouraged by the secular manner with which the Bush administration advocated military intervention in Afghanistan and Iraq. So I was surprised to find an editorial in the Oct. 23 Kaimin titled “War’s religious tones begin with Bush rhetoric,” and read on with great interest.

In the editorial, Natalie Storey argues President Bush is “splitting hairs” when he says that America is fighting a moral — but not religious — war. Since most Americans base their morality on Christianity, and since Bush has cast the United States as morally superior to its terrorist enemies, he has, in effect, advanced a tacit religious argument for war. In other words, Bush’s rhetoric is religious because it includes morality.

Storey makes the all-too-common mistake of conflating religion and morality. I agree with Bush that the war on terrorism is, at its root, a moral war against evil and that the United States is a “blessed country.” I do so without resorting to fictional characters like Satan as the embodiment of that evil or God as the one doing the blessing.

Storey is correct that Gen. Boykin is not the first U.S. official to offer moral justification for war. Other notable pro-war moral arguments include the Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address, and FDR’s request that Congress declare war on Japan, in which he said, “The American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory,” and, even more damning, “So help us God.”

In truth, the Bush administration’s rhetoric bends over

backwards to distinguish terrorists from “true Islam” and the war on terrorism from a war on Muslims. And I’m a little curious, what argument for waging war on a country doesn’t resort to moral principles? Would Storey prefer that Bush use a map and a set of darts instead?

Andrew Bissell  
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### Ann Coulter is not a woman to emulate

This letter is in regard to Tom Figarelle’s opinion column on the subject of the women’s movement and feminism.

The value of this boy’s opinion of the women’s movement is less than negligible. Especially if he uses Ann Coulter as an example of a modern woman we should all emulate. Her strengths are vicious invective, sweeping character assassination and medieval political theory.

An example of Coulter’s vicious invective is, “My only regret with Timothy McVeigh is he did not go to the New York Times Building.” No other regrets? Such as the murder of 168 men, women and children in Oklahoma City?

An example of her use of sweeping character assassination is her statement that there are no good Democrats.

An example of her medieval political theory is the column Coulter wrote in the National Review in which she called upon America to “invade Muslim countries, kill their leaders and convert them to Christianity.” Gee, that sounds like those very successful crusades of about 900 years ago.

In his column, Figarelle refers to the monster that is feminism. Since the definition of feminism is: the movement committed to securing and defending equal rights and opportunities for women equal to those of men, it must follow that Figarelle believes this equality to be monstrous.

As the state president of the College Republicans, Figarelle may wish to reconsider who he sets up as a role model for women. Additionally, he may wish to understand the women’s movement a little better, since women are more likely to vote than men, and more likely to vote Democrat than men.

Deborah Frandsen  
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### Tailgate parties help Indian students


I am writing this letter to voice my appreciation to the Native American Student Services Department/Alumni Association for sponsoring the tailgate party through the season at Grizzly football games. I consider these to be a success in providing Native American students the opportunity to interact in a positive environment with other Native Americans in order to increase retention and success. But in addition, the tailgate symbolizes much more for the University of Montana, the state of Montana, and the United States.

Throughout the history of our nation, the government of the United States has expressed the desire to establish peace with Native Americans. A large percentage of the treaties the U.S. government initiated with Indian tribes begin with a phrase like, “The United States government, desiring peace with the \_\_\_\_ tribe, agrees to (among other things, provide an education for American Indians).” Native American tribes who understood the value of a declaration such as this, and to a larger extent than the other party, have honored these words. The U.S. government is considering offering \$40 million to settle a \$40 billion dollar trust fund reform issue with Indians.

In 1862, the Morrill Act established land grant institutions with the purpose of introducing the bliss of liberal arts, mechanics and agriculture to, among others, Native Americans. Since Native Americans figured prominently into the formation of land grant institutions, it would seem that America’s Indians would have advocacy at the levels of administration within these institutions. That has not been the case, and at the University of Montana that has not been the case until the last decade.

What does this have to do with tailgate parties? The idea of legacies is nothing new to American higher education. The facilitation of functions to support Native American legacies is.

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Lecture  
Gallagher Building L04  
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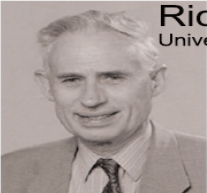
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# Union leader: Contract gives staff nothing

**Fred Miller**  
Kaimin Reporter

The staff at the University of Montana accepted a new contract last week, but the pay raise it provides isn't enough, said Cheryl Bramsen, chapter president of the Montana Public Employees Association.

The previous contract for UM's classified employees expired in July. MPEA, a union with more than 700

members at UM, rejected a proposed contract in August, Bramsen said. The final contract, which includes a 25-cent-per-hour raise beginning in January 2005, was approved last week and is almost exactly what was offered before, she said.

"I can't believe that so many people were so accepting of a contract that got them nothing," Bramsen said.

A 50 percent fee waiver for each

MPEA member or one dependent was also added to the contract, said Connie Bowman, the group's treasurer. But the real issue — that staff members have trouble paying their bills on their current salaries — was all but ignored, she said.

"It was shocking to me that a liberal arts college could employ somebody and still have them basically go to charity to feed their family and their kids," Bowman said, referring to an MPEA poll showing 31 per-

cent of its members occasionally have to use a food bank for groceries.

The average salary for UM's classified employees, including administrative assistants, custodians, Public Safety officers and others, is \$21,000. Staff employees are under a pay freeze, Bramsen said, and when they don't get a raise, the rising cost of living — including insurance, heating and housing — causes them to lose money.

"It's not exactly a pay freeze as much as a pay rollback," Bramsen said.

Bramsen said the contract demonstrates a lack of commitment to the

staff on the part of UM's administration and the state Board of Regents. UM President George Dennison said there is not enough money to give raises across the board.

The raise MPEA proposed would have been 35 cents per hour from July 2004 to July 2005, and an increase of 4 percent for each staff employees' hourly wage the following year.

Bramsen said she is disappointed that so many staff members went for the deal, but she's confident the next contract negotiation can yield more favorable results.

"There will be a raise next time," she said.

# MontPIRG sues to block constitutional amendments

**Bob Anez**  
Associated Press Writer

HELENA (AP) - A federal judge in Missoula was asked this week to throw out two constitutional amendments changing the requirements for getting citizen initiatives on the ballot.

Three organizations, including MontPIRG and several citizens filed a lawsuit, contending the changes unreasonably discriminate against some Montanans. Their complaint, lodged with U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy, said the result violates the U.S. Constitution by diluting the value of some voters' signatures and taking away the citizens' right to petition their government.

The targets of the suit are two constitutional amendments approved by about 57 percent of voters in the 2002 election. Both were put on the ballot by the 2001 Legislature.

CI-37 changed the way citizens must qualify their own constitutional amendments for the ballot. A provision requiring the names of at least 10 percent of qualified voters in each of at least 40 of the 100 legislative districts was replaced by a requirement for 10 percent of voters in each of at least 28 of the 56 counties.

CI-38 altered the signature-gathering requirement for law-changing initiatives from 5 percent of qualified voters in each of 34 legislative districts to 5 percent in each of at least 28 counties.

Supporters of the measures had argued that demanding more signa-

tures from a broader cross section of Montana would ensure rural areas are more involved in the initiative process. But critics said the changes were a thinly veiled effort to stop citizens from changing laws and the state constitution, often in ways that some lawmakers don't like.

The leading proponent of the measures, former Republican Sen. Lorents Grosfield of Big Timber, did not return phone messages left at his house.

But Sen. Jeff Mangan, a Great Falls Democrat who helped write arguments in favor of one amendment for the 2002 Voter Information Pamphlet, said changes were needed to get rural residents more involved in the initiative process.

"It gives folks in rural Montana equal footing with those living in large cities," he said. "The majority of signatures are still going to be gathered in those large cities. All the amendments did is say you now have to go out and get signatures from rural Montana. I don't think there's anything wrong with that."

"If an idea to change the constitution or the laws of Montana is good enough, it's not going to matter if that person lives in Saco or Billings," Mangan added. "If it's a good idea, they're going to sign the petition."

Those filing the suit said the new requirements, no longer based on equally populated legislative districts, result in an unbalanced and unconstitutional system. The 12 percent of registered voters in the state's 31 most rural counties have the abili-

ty to block the 88 percent of voters living elsewhere from getting a measure on the ballot, they said.

"It's only fair that a voter in Two Dot or Chinook have exactly the same say as a voter in Billings or Butte. No less, no more," said Verner Bertelsen of Helena, one of those behind the suit. "The number on your license plate shouldn't matter. One vote is one vote; one signature is one signature."

David Ponder, director of MontPIRG, said the suit attacks constitutional amendments that fly in the face of citizens' power to use the initiative process.

"Let's be perfectly clear," he said. "These measures were intentionally designed to throw unreasonable roadblocks in front of Montanans who pursue democracy through the ballot initiative. We're going to fix that."

Ponder said the suit has a good chance of succeeding because it's nearly identical to a federal court case won by opponents of similar initiative requirements in Idaho.

The suit was filed by MontPIRG; Montana Wildlife Federation; the Initiative and Referendum Institute; Bertelsen, Richard Sargent and Robert Shepard, all of Helena; and Tom Shellenberg of Livingston.

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# Courtney Love rambles against painkiller charges

Alexandra Sage  
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - Courtney Love pleaded innocent Wednesday to two felony drug counts after ridiculing the charges in a rambling monologue to reporters before the court appearance.

The complaint against the 39-year-old singer-actress said she illegally possessed painkillers when she was treated at a hospital for an Oct. 2 overdose. The two painkillers, hydrocodone and oxycodone, can be prescribed legally.

She called the charges “retarded.” “I didn’t even break a law. I didn’t even shoplift,” Love said before the hearing at Beverly Hills Municipal Court.

The drug charges stem from an incident last month that began with Love allegedly trying to break into the Los Angeles home of her former boyfriend. After her release, Beverly Hills police and paramedics were called to Love’s home and had to take her to a hospital for treatment of a drug overdose.

Love’s attorney, William Genego, told The Associated Press that Love had not intentionally overdosed but rather had taken the wrong medica-

tion by mistake. Genego said Love turned over a bag of pills to police after they were called to her home. The drug charges stem from Love not having a prescription for three pills in the bag, Genego said.

Carrying her pet beagle, Molly, and a bouquet of red roses, Love rambled to reporters Wednesday about missing money, an affair with a married man and throwing a sleeping pill at a police officer.

“Don’t tell,” said Love, whose past heroin use was widely reported. “It’s a big secret I used to do drugs.”

Judge Elden Fox scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 11. He instructed Love to meet with Santa Monica probation officials to assess her suitability for a drug diversion program.

If she is found eligible, Love could plead guilty, undergo counseling and pay administrative fees, and her plea would be erased after two years, Fox said.

Love complained to Gengeo during the hearing that potential court dates conflicted with a planned trip to London, a video shoot and the Academy Awards.

“What is it we’re continuing?” she asked at one point. “Do I have to live in this weird hell?”

# Info desk’s opening delayed

Jake Sorich  
For the Kaimin

People who are wondering what that black tarp in the UC is hiding and when it will finally be unveiled will have to keep waiting to find out, a UC official said Wednesday.

The new box office and information desk is behind the tarp. The desk will be moved from its current spot to just in front of the west entrance next semester.

Roger Strobel, assistant director of building services at the UC, said UC administrators hoped to move the box office by September, but because of the unusual shape of the cabinets at the new spot, the sub-contractor has been slow to finish the job.

“They haven’t been real speedy in putting finishes on the new desk,” he said. “We wanted to get it done in midsummer so the staff could get acquainted with the new desk area and get comfortable with the move.”

The project, which has had no costs added to the \$75,000 already spent, has been delayed several times because of the design.

It was originally delayed because UC administrators couldn’t find a cabinet maker to do the job, and it has been delayed again because the oddly shaped desk has been hard to construct, Strobel said.

Jennifer McMillan, assistant to UC director Joel Zarr, said UC administrators are looking at a variety of businesses to fill the vacant spot the box office/information desk will leave when it moves from the north end of the UC.

“It’s still up in the air right now,” she said. “We’re looking at many different ideas, from a trend store to another Griz-wear store operated by The Bookstore, a pickup location for laundry, or a candy or ice cream shop.”

Recent UC renovations include the Junga Juice occupying the second-floor space that once held the Black Soup Bistro. McMillan said Junga Juice is hav-

ing a successful year at its new location.

“It’s doing quite well,” she said. “Because of the different location, the atmosphere, the expanded menu and the fact that it’s connected to the game room, it’s had the most sales out of any Junga Juice in the nation for September,” she said.

As the UC keeps expanding, a UM-based Web design business, Spectral Fusion Designs, will open an office next to the Missoula Federal Credit Union in December.

Becky Hofstad, director of Spectral Fusion, said it should open in about three weeks.

Hofstad said Spectral Fusion plans to use the space to help people develop Web pages for their resumes or build personal pages. She said the business will try to focus more on building Web pages for individual students by offering the service at discounted prices.

# British craft to explore Mars

Jill Lawless  
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) - A British-built craft designed to scour the surface of Mars for signs of life is scheduled to land on the planet on Christmas Day, scientists said Tuesday.

The Beagle 2 lander is traveling aboard the European Space Agency’s Mars Express craft, launched from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on June 2.

Scientists told journalists at a briefing Tuesday that the unmanned spacecraft was about 13 million miles from Mars and expected to reach the planet in mid-December.

On Dec. 19, the craft will eject the Beagle 2 landing module - a 132-pound shell shaped like an oversized wok and packed with scientific instruments.

If all goes to plan, it will parachute to the surface on Dec. 25, flip

open and begin conducting experiments.

Mars Explorer will orbit the planet for at least one Martian year, which is 687 Earth days. Its antenna will receive data from Beagle 2 and the orbiter’s own instruments and beam it to Earth.

Scientists were “98 percent confident” all would go well, said John Reddy, the project’s chief electrical systems engineer.

Scientists believe Mars once had water and appropriate conditions for life but lost it billions of years ago, possibly after being hit by asteroids. It is believed that water might still exist on Mars as underground ice.

Previous attempts to find signs of life have been inconclusive. Of 34 unmanned American, Soviet and Russian missions to Mars since 1960, two-thirds ended in failure. In 1976, twin U.S. Viking landers

searched for life but sent back inconclusive results.

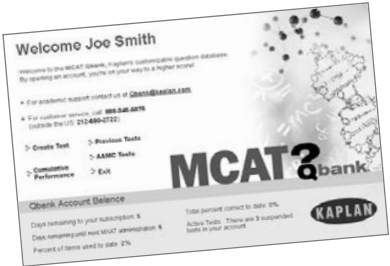
Beagle 2 - named for the ship that carried naturalist Charles Darwin on his voyage of discovery in the 1830s - has ambitious scientific aims: It will collect soil and rock samples, dig into Mars to search for organic materials, and check the atmosphere for traces of methane produced by living organisms.

The mission also will map the planet and use powerful radar to probe below the surface for evidence of water.

Mars Explorer is not the only mission heading to the red planet. Two American Mars rover craft are due to arrive in January, and Japan’s trouble-plagued Nozomi orbiter, launched in 1998, continues on its way despite technical problems.

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# Senate starts 30-hour filibuster marathon

**Jesse J. Holland**  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - With humor, anger and a show of GOP unity, the Senate on Wednesday launched 30 hours of uninterrupted debate on President Bush's political nominees not making it to the federal appeals bench, setting up cots and preparing to cast blame at each other throughout the night.

Most of the Republicans marched into the Senate together just before 6 p.m., sat down and listened to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., open the debate by condemning the filibusters.

"Tonight we embark upon an extraordinary session," Frist said. "For the next 30 hours, Republicans and Democrats will debate the merits of three judicial nominees. We will be considering the meaning of our constitutional responsibilities to advise and consent on nominations. We will discuss whether there is a need to enact filibuster reform so that nominations taken to the floor can get a vote."

Democrats, some appearing amused by the pomp and circumstance, were already in the Senate chamber waiting for the beginning of the debates. The Senate had just finished a vote, and many of the GOP senators had to leave the chamber just to be in the group marching back in.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, held a sign he displayed for television cameras and passing Republican senators as they entered the chamber: "I'll be home watching 'The Bachelor.'"

Another Democratic sign, a big purple sign with gold "168 to 4" written on it - the number of judicial nominees confirmed by the Senate as opposed to the number blocked by Democrats - upset Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H. "That is clearly against the Senate rules," said Gregg, who had Democrats remove it until their turn to speak.

Republicans say the Democrats' filibusters against judicial nominees are also against the rules. "That's why we're standing here tonight, to let the American people know that an abuse is occurring," he said.

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., condemned the Republicans from leaving an appropriations bill to launch the debate. "I'm not participating in this, this marathon, talkathon, blameathon, whatever you want to call this," Byrd said. "I'm not interested in that right now. I'm interested in the appropriations bill."

As the night grew late, fewer than 10 lawmakers were left on the floor as senators started preparing for the late night shifts.

While most of the focus will be on the Senate floor, senators plan to buttress their cases by holding news conferences throughout the night condemning the opposing side for its tactics: Republicans on the Democratic filibusters, Democrats on the Republicans' "reverse filibuster."

Democrats have used the threat of a filibuster to block four U.S. Appeals Court nominees so far: Alabama Attorney General William Pryor, Texas judge Priscilla Owen, Mississippi judge Charles Pickering and lawyer Miguel Estrada. Others, including California judges Carolyn Kuhl and

Janice Rogers Brown, are expected to be blocked by Democrats as well.

Frustrated at the delays, Estrada withdrew his nomination in September.

In turn, Republicans - who control the Senate - scheduled the 30-hour debate despite their effort to finish bills revamping Medicare and energy policy, plus eight overdue spending bills in time to adjourn by Nov. 21.

"We only wish they would devote the kind of attention they are to these 30 hours to the matters that the American people care most about," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "They care a lot about the fact that 3 million of them don't have jobs. They care a lot about the fact that their health insurance is rising by more than 15 percent a year."

But Republicans want to draw attention to the blockades, having failed multiple times to get the 60 votes to force the confirmations in a Senate split with 51 GOP senators, 48 Democrats and one independent.

"Through our actions tonight, Republicans hopefully will be able to focus more attention on this problem, which in turn might stimulate enough outrage by the American public to sway at least a few more Democratic senators to do the right thing and give these nominees a vote," said Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz.

Not since 1994 has the Senate been in session past 4 a.m., Senate observers said.

Both sides set up strategy rooms right off the Senate floor with large screen televisions and props to help make their case to reporters and late-night C-SPAN viewers. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., for example, had a T-shirt saying "We confirmed 98 percent of President Bush's judges" on the front while the back said "and all we got was this lousy T-shirt."

The Senate has confirmed 168 federal trial and appeals judges since Bush took office, while Democrats have blocked only four.

Just in case someone gets sleepy, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the No. 2 Senate GOP leader, said 12 to 15 senators have asked for cots to be set up so they can nap near the Senate floor.

Advocates of civil and abortion rights who have led the opposition against the four Bush nominees distributed to Senate offices care packages that included coffee, analgesics and breath mints.

A senator from each party will be on the floor at all times until at least midnight Thursday. For example, a Republican will talk from 3 a.m. to 3:30 a.m., while a Democrat watches. They will switch roles for the next 30 minutes and then head home to bed, replaced by two others for the next shift lasting as little as one hour.

## Sun Spot



Adam Bystrom/Montana Kaimin

A student is bathed in sunlight as she passes between the Skaggs Building and the Science Complex on Wednesday afternoon.

## Elevation makes snowmobiles quieter

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) - Snowmobiles that the National Park Service earlier said would require special equipment to meet noise standards do not need the equipment after all, Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Suzanne Lewis said Wednesday.

New tests the Park Service said it encouraged the manufacturer, Polaris Industries Inc., to conduct show that when operated at higher elevations such as exist in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, the four models are considerably quieter than when operated at lower elevations.

The National Park Service originally certified the machines for use in the parks only if equipped with a special sound control kit.

However, most of the tests on noise emissions were conducted at

the manufacturer's facility in Minnesota, which is at an elevation of only about 1,000 feet above sea level, Lewis said.

Tests conducted at 6,600 feet showed the machines did not emit more than 73 decibels at full throttle without the noise reduction equipment, Lewis said.

The models are the 2003 and 2004 Polaris Frontier Classic and Frontier Touring 4-stroke snowmobiles.

Both Arctic Cat and Polaris are producing snowmobiles with 4-stroke engines that are cleaner and quieter than traditional snowmo-

biles. Other 4-stroke machines produced by both Arctic Cat and Polaris have also been certified for use in the park.

This winter, 80 percent of all snowmobiles entering the park must be part of commercially guided trips and all of the machines used on the guided trips must meet the new sound and hydrocarbon emission requirements.

By the winter of 2004-2005, all snowmobiles entering Yellowstone must meet the noise and pollution requirements.

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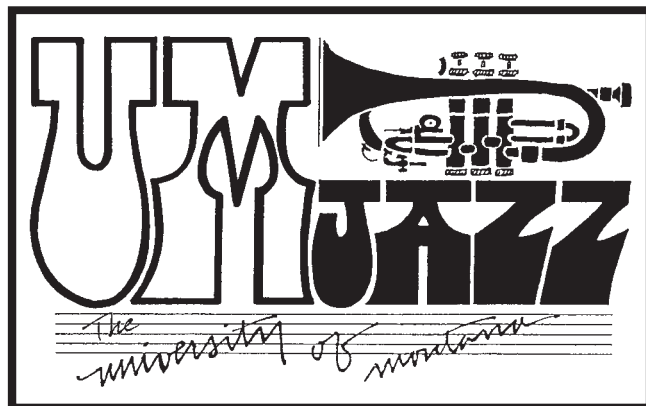
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# Over the Weekend: A Grizzly wrap-up

## Griz football dominates Sac State

After blanking the Sacramento State Hornets on Saturday, the University of Montana football climbed three spots to No. 5 in the Sports Network/CSTV I-AA Top 25 rankings.

The 26-0 victory was the third straight win for the Griz and gave the team sole possession of first place in the Big Sky Conference after Montana State lost 34-25 at Eastern Washington.

Senior safety Dave DeCoite was named the Big Sky Conference Defensive Player of the Week after he returned a fumble 53 yards for a touchdown late in the first quarter and tallied five tackles with one for a loss.

On offense, the Griz were led by junior running back Justin Green, who had 108 yards on the ground, marking the fourth time this year that he has eclipsed the century mark.

With two games remaining on their conference schedule, the Griz can clinch the conference title with a win this Saturday against EWU and an MSU loss at Portland State.

By winning the game and the conference title, the Griz would ensure their 11th straight playoff berth.

If the Griz lose this weekend, the conference title will once again come down to the game in Bozeman against the Cats.

-Kaimin Sports Staff

## UM soccer loses Big Sky championship

The University of Montana soccer team was shut out for the sixth time this season on Saturday in a 1-0 loss against the Idaho State Bengals in the Big Sky Conference tournament championship.

The loss ended the season for the Griz (8-11-2 overall).

ISU’s Jennifer Loo scored in the 30th minute by knocking in an indirect kick from the 6-yard mark over the head of UM sophomore goal-keeper Sarah Braseth.

Neither team had many scoring opportunities as the Griz had three shots on goal and one corner kick, while ISU had six shots on goal.

UM placed three players on the all-tournament team: senior midfielder Casey Joyner, junior defender Wendy Stuker and junior midfielder Nikki Bolstad.

Earlier in the season in Missoula, the Grizzlies knocked off the Bengals on the strength of two goals by Joyner, the first two goals of her career.

Joyner is the only senior graduating from this year’s squad.

-Kaimin Sports Staff

## Men’s B-ball to host preseason game

The final preseason tune-up for the University of Montana men’s basketball team will come on Thursday at 7:35 p.m. when the Grizzlies host the Sons of Blue Angels in an exhibition game.

Following the exhibition, the Griz will travel to Milwaukee on Nov. 22, to play the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers.

The Panthers won the Horizon League title last year and played in the NCAA Tournament.

Montana finished at 7-7 in the Big Sky Conference last season, good enough for third place, and the Griz were picked by the coaches and the media to finish third in the conference this year.

Last week in an intra-squad scrimmage the Maroon team, a squad of newcomers, beat the Silver squad 77-71 on the strength of 25 points by junior college transfer Roy Booker.

The Griz will also feature junior college All-American power forward Kamarr Davis, while senior co-captain Brent Cummings is returning from a red-shirt year in which he sat out because of major back problems.

Following the game in Milwaukee, the Grizzlies will open their regular season home schedule against Montana Tech on Nov. 26.

-Kaimin Sports Staff

# Grizzly volleyball upsets MSU, holds on to postseason hopes

Danny Davis  
Sports Reporter

In front of 628 spectators, in her final appearance in the West Auxiliary Gym, Lizzie Wertz went out on top.

Senior Lizzi Wertz has 25 kills in final home game

Riding a career-high, 25-kill performance from Wertz, the University of Montana volleyball team upset rival Montana State to keep its fading postseason hopes alive.

UM swept MSU 30-28, 30-21, 32-30 on Friday night. The victory, coupled with Weber State’s 1-3 weekend loss to Idaho State, keeps UM’s postseason slightly in view as it heads into the final week of the regular season.

“It’s really important because it’s the Cats,” Wertz said. “It’s doubly important because if we didn’t win this game we wouldn’t have a possibility of making the tournament.”

“It was a huge win because we just found out we can still make the tournament,” senior Audra Pearce said.

Wertz also had a .342 hitting percentage and 10 digs.

She was named co-player of the week for the Big Sky Conference, sharing the award with Kazmiera Imrie of Sacramento State.

Montana came out strong in the opening game and shocked MSU with a 30-28 victory. The Griz took control of the game as Wertz amassed 11 kills and sophomore Audrey Jensen had three blocks.

Unlike in previous matches, Montana managed to maintain its energy level throughout the match and held off the Bobcats in the final two games to claim its first victory since Sept. 25 and their sweep since Sept 13.

“I think we were just kind of fearless,” Pearce said. “We just played together and picked up our defense. Coach gave us a great game plan and we were ready for everything they came with.”

Against Montana State, UM managed to keep its

hitting errors under control, something that Wertz said the team had been working on for a while. The absence of the errors that have plagued the UM attack all season resulted in a .242 hitting percentage, the highest total for the Griz since their Sept. 13 victory over the University of Missouri-Kansas City Kangaroos.

The victory improved Montana’s record to 7-17 overall and 2-11 in the Big Sky Conference, while MSU dropped to 6-6 in the Big Sky (16-7 overall).

Along with the standout play by Wertz, the Griz were also led by senior Mary Forrest, who had a double-double with 10 kills and 10 digs while adding five blocks. Pearce had 8 kills, and Claire Thompson, the only other senior on the UM squad, had 25 digs to help anchor the UM defense. Sophomore Diana Thompson added 42 assists and Jensen had six blocks.

The victory gave UM head coach Nikki Best a win in her 100th game coaching at Montana.

In order to make the Big Sky Conference tournament for the first time since 2000, Montana must beat Portland State and Eastern Washington on the road this weekend, and Weber State must fall to Sacramento State and Northern Arizona.

Griz team members are excited about the upset, and are certain it will give Montana confidence going into the weekend.

“Its just a moral boost,” Wertz said. “If we had lost this, we really wouldn’t have any purpose for the season, but now our main goal is to win our next few and make it into the tournament.”

“It helps us to show that we can come back from a losing season and show that we really are good,” Diana Thompson said.

With undoubtedly its biggest victory of the season, Montana might have saved a disastrous season and gained enough momentum going into the final weekend.

“Its been frustrating all season because we all haven’t played together,” said Pearce. “But tonight we all played on the same page”

# Marlins’ McKeon, Royals’ Pena win manager of the year awards

Jeff Price  
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) - Jack McKeon insists he’s no miracle worker. Being the best manager in the National League will do just fine.

The Florida Marlins’ 72-year-old, cigar-chomping skipper was voted NL Manager of the Year for the second time Wednesday after he turned a last-place team into a World Series champion.

Kansas City’s Tony Pena won the AL honor after the Royals rebounded from their first 100-loss season to stay in contention until the final week.

Florida was 16-22 when McKeon replaced Jeff Torborg on May 11. The Marlins dropped to 10 games under .500 on May 22, falling into the NL East cellar, then rebounded to finish 91-71 and win the NL wild card.

“I believed that we could win,” McKeon said between cigar puffs. “I just had to get this across to the players. To their credit, they accepted that, grabbed the ball and ran with it. In the end, we’re sitting here world champions. It’s a nice feeling.”

McKeon is the first manager to win the award after taking over a team during the season, receiving 19 of 32 first-place votes and 116 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America.

He’s the third-oldest in major league history, trailing Hall of Famers Connie Mack (88) and Casey Stengel (75). McKeon also won the award in 1999 with Cincinnati.

“This is very special, much more special than the 1999 award,” McKeon said. “The way these players participated and competed and the desire and determination that they had ... it was fun, it was a fun year for me.”

In the playoffs, Florida upset San Francisco in the first round, overcame a 3-1 deficit to beat the Cubs in the NL championship series, then rebounded from a 2-1 deficit to beat the New York Yankees in the World Series.

“I’ve never had a group of players that I’ve loved like I do this club,” said McKeon, who managed in the postseason for the first time.

Dusty Baker, a three-time winner of the award, finished second with 62 points after leading the Cubs to the NL Central title in his first season as Chicago’s manager.

Pena was an overwhelming choice for the AL award, getting 24 first-place votes and 130 points. Minnesota’s Ron Gardenhire was second with four firsts and 44 points.

“When they told me, I got on my knees to thank God. Then I cried with my family,” Pena said in a telephone interview from his home in Santiago, Dominican Republic. “There are no words to describe what I feel.”

Pena, 46, took over the Royals in May 2002 and Kansas City finished 62-100. The Royals won their first nine games this year, got off to a 16-3 start and were 51-41 at the All-Star break, leading the AL Central by seven games.

But the Royals slumped in the second half and wound up 83-79, their first winning season since 1994.

He’s only the second Dominican to win the award. Felipe Alou was NL Manager of the Year in 1994, when he was with Montreal.

“Felipe was the one that opened the gate for us,” he said. “Dominicans, and all Latinos, are showing that we can take on large responsibilities in baseball. We know how to do more than throw hard or hit well.”

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# Lady Griz romp tired Czech team in exhibition

Jeff Windmueller  
Sports Editor

It was more than 10 minutes into the first half of Wednesday's game before the University of Montana Lady Griz basketball team shook off its cobwebs on the way to a 73-47 win against a professional team from Strakonice, Czech Republic.

**UM player of the game Jody McLeod has 10 points, 10 rebounds**

Neither Montana nor the tired Strakonice team broke into the double digits in scoring until nearly 11 minutes into the game. Sophomore guard Katie Edwards expanded the UM lead with two quick three-point shots and the Lady Griz began to rally for a 34-14 lead in the first half. Sophomore Jody McLeod broke into a solid and physical game.

"Jody got us going," said head coach Robin Selvig. "We shook off a slow, slow start ... and then took off after that."

McLeod, named Lady Griz player of the game, was able to help out the most with 10 rebounds and 10 points against an opponent that was strong around the basket.

"They were pretty physical, pretty tough," McLeod said.

Vendula Mackova proved to be the biggest challenge for Montana. The 6-foot-1-inch 25-year-old from Karlovy, Czech Republic, went only 3-14 on field goals during the game, but more than made up for it by getting 16 rebounds and drawing numerous fouls. She shot 6-6 from the free throw line, and played 34 minutes of the game — more than anyone else on the court — despite grimacing and showing fatigue during the first half.

After Strakonice head coach Martin Petrovicky pulled Mackova out for her second and final time around the last three minutes of the game, the Adams Center crowd cheered for the exhausted player recognizing her excellent performance around the basket.

Although Petrovicky was upset his team didn't fare better against UM, he said the poor shooting was more than likely the result of the Strakonice's strenuous schedule.

"The performance is unbalanced," Petrovicky said with the help of a translator. He said that the team has played day-after-day against other tough teams such as the University of Oregon, and in the last week have traveled as many as 400 miles a night.

Even though the Strakonice team had problems scoring, the team played with a lot of teamwork and skill.

"They were able to spread the floor really well and run the floor," said junior center Holly Tyler. "But they've got to be tired. This is their fourth game in five days."

The team also had a little trouble adjusting to an American basketball game, Petrovicky said. The women play with a regular-sized men's ball in Europe, and games are officiated differently.

"Sometimes we feel that we didn't foul, and the refs call it," Petrovicky said.

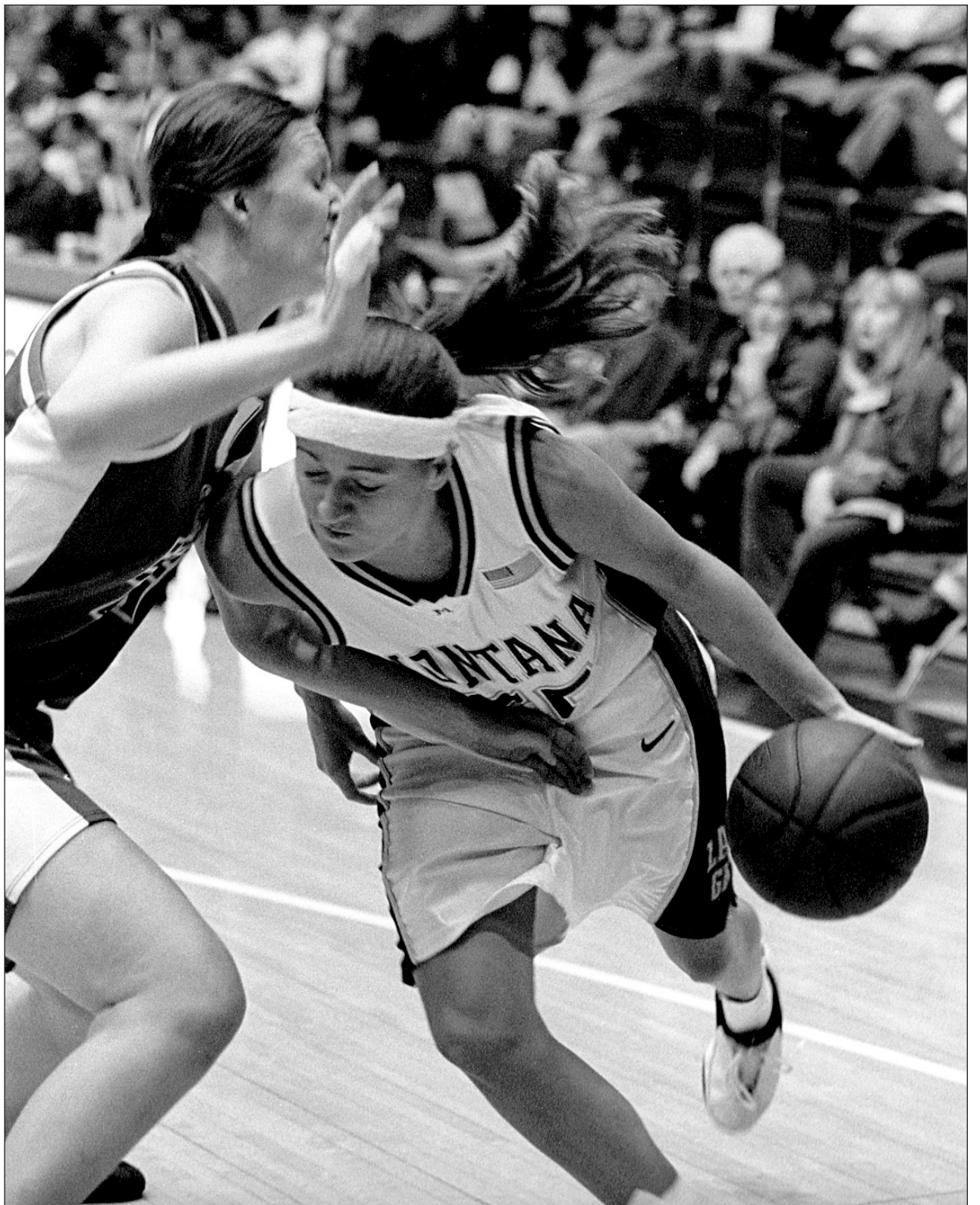
Strakonice travels to Bozeman Thursday, meanwhile The Lady Griz hope to use this game as a way of warming up for the beginning of the regular season.

UM started playing well once they relaxed, McLeod said.

"I think there's a lot we can work on," she said.

Selvig was pleased by the performance of the more experienced players and said that even though Julie Deming might not have thought she shot well, he is happy to have her back and playing after last year's injury.

Tyler shot 9-13 total, including one three-pointer, for



Julie Deming drives to the basket Wednesday evening at the Adams Center. The Lady Griz beat the professional team from the Czech Republic 73-47.

a total of 19 points, and junior forward Crystal Baird scored 16 points including a 3-3 performance at the foul line.

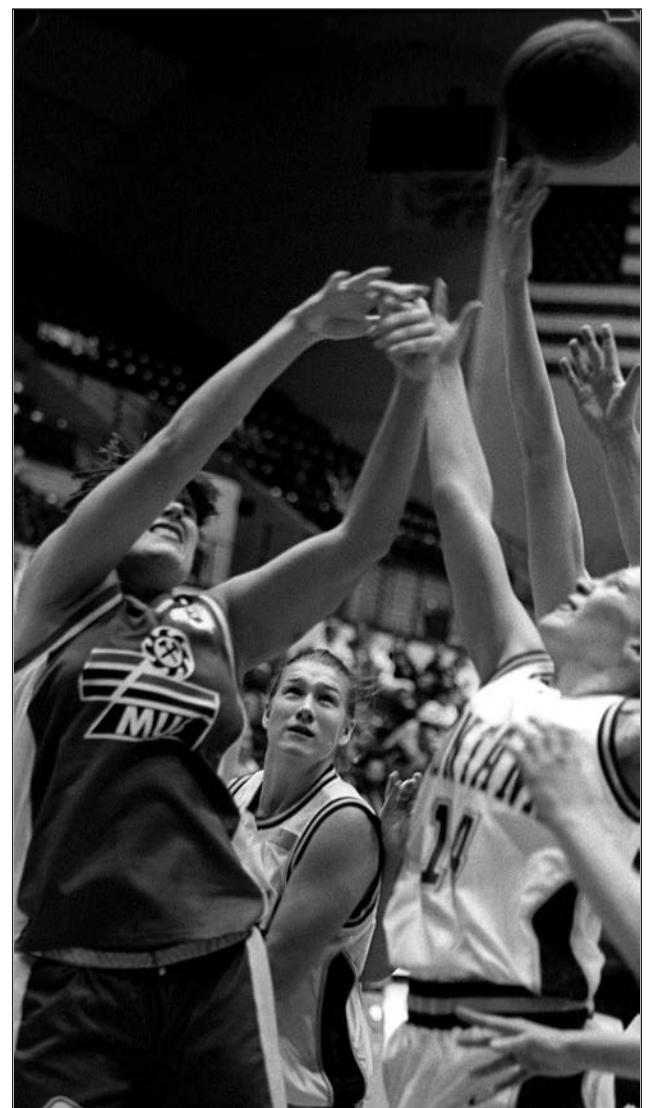
Also, Selvig said he was excited about freshmen Amy Brooks and Jackie DeShazer, who played their first games as Lady Griz.

The two both played well and showed they were willing to standout with late-game drives to the hoop.

"We were a little nervous in the beginning," McLeod said of the team. "(The freshmen) were trying to get comfortable."

The Lady Griz play their final exhibition game against Deja Vu, a team composed of former UM letter winners, on Nov. 17 at 2:05 p.m. in the Adams Center.

UM begins its regular season at home against the University of Montana-Western on Nov. 21 at 7:35 p.m.



Griz point guard Jackie DeShazer (right) jumps for a rebound against the Czech Republic's Vendula Mackova (left). The Lady Griz play again Sunday afternoon at 2:05 PM, when they will face Deja Vu, a team made up of former Montana letter winners.

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# Texas shootout leaves three dead, four hurt

**Bobby Ross**

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) - A daylong standoff between police and a gunman ended Wednesday with the man and two other people dead and four officers wounded. Seven children and an adult held as hostages were released unharmed after the second standoff since September between the gunman and police.

SWAT team officers shot and killed Francisco Fuentes, 32, who had held them at bay for nine hours and fired twice at officers.

Police found two other men dead in the apartment, apparently shot by Fuentes before police arrived to investigate reports of gunfire, spokesman Sgt. Gil Cerda said.

Police hadn't determined the motive in the hostage-taking and killings, and they were questioning the woman who had been held hostage, Cerda said. Fuentes was the father of at least two of the children, police said.

In early September, Fuentes was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after a five-hour standoff with police that ended peacefully in the nearby suburb of Lancaster. Police Cmdr. Pat Stallings said Fuentes barricaded himself alone in a house after shooting at a man's car. The two men had argued earlier in the day at the same apartment complex where Wednesday's standoff occurred, Stallings said.

In addition to aggravated assault in that incident, Fuentes was accused of interfering with child custody and violation of a protective order. He was free on \$25,000 bond and was scheduled to appear in court next week, records show.

Neighbor Darrell Davis said he was awakened by gunfire Wednesday morning, and then police told residents to "get out, get out now!"

"When they found the gunman in there, there were about three shots from a big gun and we all ran for cover," he said.

When police were summoned to the apartment, the children told them Fuentes was in a bedroom with a gun. Fuentes wounded three officers when they entered the bedroom, Cerda said. The officers saw the body of at least one man on the floor, he said.

The officers retreated after they were wounded and four children were freed at that time.

Over the next few hours, Fuentes released the other three children and the woman, authorities said.

Eventually, police filled the apartment with tear gas, then burst into the apartment. They killed Fuentes when, for a second time, he fired at officers, Cerda said. The fourth officer was wounded in that assault, he said.

All of the wounded officers were in good condition and their injuries are not life-threatening, authorities said.

## Fire made it good



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Tyrel Veitch grills burgers at Naps Grill Tuesday afternoon in downtown Missoula. The restaurant buys all its ground beef locally from Hamilton Pack Company. "I think they are the best hamburgers in town," said 8-year-old Lexi Prince, who brought her father and brother there for dinner.

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# U.S. bishops oppose gay marriage

Rachel Zoll  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - America's Roman Catholic bishops overwhelmingly approved a statement Wednesday that urges states to withhold recognition for same-sex marriages.

The bishops said they did not intend to offend homosexuals, and they called discrimination against gays unjust. But the church leaders said they had an obligation to "give witness to the whole moral truth" and reinforce Catholic teaching that gay sex is a sin.

"Marriage is in crisis and will be further devalued and eroded unless we're strong in pointing out that same-sex unions are not the equivalent of marriage," said Bishop J. Kevin Boland of the Diocese of Savannah, Ga., who led a committee that drafted the statement.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in September gave its general support to amending the Constitution to define marriage as a union of a man and woman. Pope John Paul II also spoke out last summer against gay marriage.

The prelates said they felt a need to make another public statement now - as gay couples gain greater acceptance in society and seek the same benefits as heterosexual couples.

Vermont allows civil unions between gays, and laws in California and Hawaii extend some economic benefits to same-sex couples. Two Canadian provinces recently legalized gay marriage.

Last summer, gay rights groups scored a major victory when the Supreme Court struck down bans on gay sex. Last week, voters in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, approved

a proposal allowing same-sex couples - and also unmarried heterosexual couples - to officially register as domestic partners.

While courts will not have to recognize those couples, supporters hope the measure will make it easier for them to share some benefits.

The bishops approved the statement by a vote of 234-3, with three abstentions. The prelates finished their work and decided to end their meeting Wednesday night, one day early.

The interfaith gay advocacy group Soulforce said the statement was "confusing, harmful and spiritually violent."

Said a group spokeswoman, Laura Montgomery Rutt: "When will the Catholic Church learn that this kind of spiritual violence leads to great pain, suffering and even death?"

Bishop Wilton Gregory, president of the bishops conference, acknowledged that some may question how Catholic leaders can make statements on sexual morality following nearly two years of scandal over priests who molested children.

But he said the church must speak out "in season and out of season."

"Yes, the church is human, but she must run by the passion and the prophetic office given her by Christ," Gregory said.

The document, called "Between Man and Woman: Questions and Answers About Marriage and Same-Sex Unions," defines marriage as a "lifelong union of a man and a woman." It states that approving a union of a same-gender couple "contradicts the nature of marriage."

"It is not based on the natural complementarity of male and

female. It cannot cooperate with God to create new life," the statement says.

The document says authorizing same-sex marriage "would grant official public approval to homosexual activity and would treat it as if it were morally neutral."

The bishops said it would be wrong to redefine marriage to provide benefits for gay couples. Homosexual couples can obtain benefits, such as designating each other as beneficiaries of their wills, without granting them special status, the bishops said.

In a separate matter, the bishops directed a committee to draft a document aimed at teaching Catholics about the church's ban on artificial contraception. Surveys have found Catholics use artificial contraception at the same rate as non-Catholics.

A committee of bishops also presented a document to be used in dioceses for certifying that a priest from outside the United States is suitable for ministry.

The authors said conducting background checks on foreign-born priests was difficult, and the document would help ensure that sexually abusive clergy are not transferred between U.S. dioceses. About 16 percent of the nation's 46,000 priests are from other countries, the bishops said.

The prelates also revised instructions for Sunday services in parishes that have no priest. The changes include language emphasizing that holding the celebration without a clergyman should not be the norm. About 3,000 of the 19,000 U.S. parishes do not have a resident priest, according to Georgetown University researchers.

# Muhammad defense rests in sniper case

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VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) - Despite little proof that John Allen Muhammad pulled the trigger, the judge at his trial refused to take the death penalty off the table Wednesday, saying the evidence suggests he and fellow sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo worked together.

The prosecution's case indicates "they were involved in purposeful shootings," Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. said with the jury out of the room. "They perfected their ability to shoot people. They perfected their ability to escape."

The ruling came as Muhammad's defense rested its case after calling only five witnesses who testified for a total of two hours. Muhammad did not take the stand. The prosecution's case stretched over three weeks and included more than 130 witnesses.

Closing arguments are set to begin Thursday, the same day as opening statements in the murder case against Malvo, 18, who is on trial in nearby Chesapeake. A jury was seated on Wednesday.

Muhammad's lawyers argued unsuccessfully that Virginia law prohibits the death penalty for Muhammad on one of the two capital murder charges against him because there is no evidence he was the triggerman.

The judge sided with prosecutors, who said the triggerman issue is irrelevant. He said prosecutors have shown the jury sufficient evidence to reasonably conclude that Muhammad was "an immediate perpetrator" and therefore eligible for the death penalty.

An FBI expert earlier testified that Muhammad's DNA was on a sight that had been detached from the rifle used in the sniper spree. The witness said Muhammad's DNA was also almost certainly on the rifle itself.

Millette also refused to strike a capital murder charge against Muhammad that was filed under Virginia's post-Sept. 11 terrorism law.

During defense testimony, private investigator John Nenna cast doubt on a prosecution witness' testimony that he saw Muhammad at the scene of the shooting of a boy outside a Maryland school.

Muhammad, 42, is on trial in the Oct. 9, 2002, slaying of Dean Harold Meyers at a gas station. Meyers' slaying is one of 16 shootings prosecutors say were committed by Muhammad and Malvo.

Malvo is on trial in the Oct. 14, 2002, slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot in Fairfax County.

The nine women and seven men selected for the 12-member jury and four alternates in Malvo's case include two homemakers, a teacher, a retired teacher, a claims adjuster, two sales representatives, a minister, a retired assistant principal, a registered nurse, a sheet-metal worker and a mechanic.

The jurors range in age from 22 to 70. Eleven are white, four are black and one is Asian. Malvo and Muhammad are black.

Both trials were moved 200 miles to southeastern Virginia because of widespread fear generated by the sniper attacks and because of extensive media coverage in the Washington area.

Malvo attorney Craig Cooley said the jury in the young man's case is more diverse than it would have been in Fairfax County because Chesapeake's black population is three times larger. Still, Cooley complained that some prospective jurors who oppose the death penalty were removed from the pool.

Muhammad and Malvo face two counts of capital murder, one accusing them of multiple murders, the other accusing them of terrorizing the public.

# Alabama prosecutors push for chief justice's removal

Bob Johnson  
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - Prosecutors urged a judicial panel to oust suspended Chief Justice Roy Moore on Wednesday for disobeying a federal judge's order to move his Ten Commandments monument from the state courthouse rotunda - a defiant stand Moore said was moral and lawful.

Moore, whose cause has rallied religious conservatives across the country, argued he was upholding his oath of office and promises to Alabama voters when he refused to move the 5,300-pound granite monument. "Not only did I fulfill what I told the people of Alabama I would do, I also had a duty to uphold the constitutions of the United States and the state of Alabama. They both acknowledge God," Moore said.

Attorney General Bill Pryor, who is prosecuting Moore, told the court in opening statements

that it should remove the chief justice from office because of his "utterly unrepentant behavior."

The Court of the Judiciary is hearing six charges that Moore violated the Canons of Judicial Ethics when he ignored the order to move the monument, which eventually was rolled to a storage room on instructions from the eight associate justices.

It would take a unanimous vote from the Court of the Judiciary to remove Moore from office halfway into his six-year elected term. He also could be reprimanded or suspended.

Moore moved the monument into the rotunda of the Alabama Judicial Building the night of July 31, 2001.

Civil liberties groups filed suit, and U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson ordered the monument moved, calling it an unconstitutional promotion of religion by government.

A federal appeals court upheld the ruling, and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear Moore's appeal.

He has been suspended with pay since the charges were filed in August. Since then he has

spoken around the country exhorting followers to support government display of the Ten Commandments.

Moore's trial began Wednesday morning before more than 200 people packed into the Alabama Supreme Court's courtroom, two floors above the rotunda where the Ten Commandments monument stood.

About 100 Moore supporters gathered outside the judicial building, some carrying "Save the Ten Commandments" signs.

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# Suicide bomber kills 26 at Italian base in Iraq

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NASIRIYAH, Iraq (AP) — A suicide bomber blew up a truck packed with explosives at an Italian paramilitary base Wednesday, killing at least 26 people. The United States struck at the Iraqi insurgency hours later, destroying a warehouse in Baghdad and chasing attackers who were seen firing mortars.

The Nasiriyah attack was the deadliest against an American ally since the occupation began and appeared to send a message that international groups are not safe anywhere in Iraq. It came on the same day the chief U.S. administrator for Iraq went to the White House to put forth proposals on transferring more authority to the Iraqis.

Col. Gianfranco Scalas said 18 Italians were killed: 12 Carabinieri paramilitary police, four soldiers, a civilian working at the base and a documentary filmmaker. A spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition said at least eight Iraqis also died. The bomber — whose nationality was not known — also died.

The blast wounded 79 people, 20 of them Italians, hospital sources and Italian officials said.

Italians were stunned by their nation’s single worst military loss since World War II and its first in the Iraq campaign. At Rome’s tomb of the unknown soldier, the green-white-and-red flag rippled at half-staff, and parliament held a minute of silence.

Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi pledged that Italy’s mission in Iraq would not be derailed. Opposition leaders who opposed the deployment to postwar Iraq called on the government to withdraw the contingent.

Jalal Talabani, the head of the Iraqi Governing Council, called the slain Italians “martyrs of the fight for the freedom of Iraq.”

There were conflicting accounts of the attack, which took place about 10:40 a.m. at a three-story building used by the Carabinieri’s multinational specialist unit in Nasiriyah, 180 miles southeast of Baghdad.

Witnesses said the decoy car ran a roadblock in front of a

square where the Italian barracks was located. Guards opened fire but as the vehicle sped away, the fuel tanker approached from the opposite direction and rammed into the gate of the building before exploding.

Italian Defense Minister Antonio Martino said the truck, followed by an armored car, approached the compound at high speed. Gunmen inside one of the vehicles opened fire at Italian troops guarding the entrance, he said. The guards returned fire, but the vehicle plowed through the gate, and then exploded, he added.

It was the 13th vehicle bombing in Iraq since Aug. 7, when a car exploded at the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad, killing at least 19 people. Wednesday's blast from the estimated 650 pounds of explosives collapsed all three stories of the building, gouged a 6-foot deep crater in front of it, and set fire to parked cars. Secondary explosions from stored ammunition shook the area.

The scorched, twisted remains of military jeeps littered the parking lot, and bulldozers cleared rubble. Chunks of concrete and wiring hung from partly destroyed walls.

“This is terrorism, pure and simple,” Scalas said.

The attack was affecting deployment plans among U.S. allies. Portugal said it was sending 128 elite police officers originally slated for Nasiriyah to Basra instead. And Japan said it was considering postponing its first dispatch of troops until sometime next year instead of by the end of 2003.

## Students

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students in the prospective-student pool to overcome the decreases.”

Matule said he thinks the economy is the main reason UM has seen a significant drop in its out-of-state student population. He said he didn’t think the problem of getting out-of-staters to come to UM was unique to the University and said it is not a reflection of the quality of UM.

“This year, without question, the greatest difficulty we have is with the state of the economy,” Matule said. “I think it has been shown that with many schools in our region students have just chosen to stay close to home.”

UM tracks students it recruits who ultimately don’t show up for class. The majority of these students had financial problems, Matule said. While many out-of-state students can’t make ends

meet, there are also fewer scholarships available to them, Matule said.

“We don’t have as many scholarships that are dedicated to non-resident students,” he said. “We know that continues to be a problem for us.”

Roberts said finding scholarships was a “headache.” He also said he thought the economy affected out-of-state students. Montana’s economy is so weak, Roberts said, that he will not be able to stay in the state and pay back his loans after he graduates, which might make other potential out-of-state students reconsider coming to UM.

Sophomore Katy Reddy, from Colorado, said her home state has much of the same scenery as Montana and the possibility of a job after she graduates.

“Back home, it’s a similar place in topography with more job opportunities,” she said.

## ASUM

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Academic Freedom.

Holmes said plagiarism was not an issue because the language of bills is often borrowed from other documents in creating legislation, he said. He brought a copy of a resolution the U.S. House of Representatives is looking at. The national resolution also contains clauses that Holmes used in his original resolution, Holmes said.

Despite this, some senators still had reservations about the source of the resolution.

“It’s unfortunate that I wasn’t able to ask the real author questions about this resolution, and the real author is David Horowitz,” Sen. Rob Welsh said, referring to the conservative leader of Students for Academic Freedom.

olution’s ties to Students for Academic Freedom was “clandestine,” especially when there may soon be a chapter of the organization on campus.

“I have a problem that we are supporting the mission statement of an organization we are probably going to recognize in the future,” he said. “That seems like a huge conflict of interest to me ... there have been hidden agendas (in the resolution).”

The origin of the idea shouldn’t matter, Winkle said, noting that the words of the resolution hold values any group nationwide would support.

“My hidden agenda is to support the rules of fairness and inclusion in the classroom,” he said. “If the ideals of fairness, balance and inclusion came out of the mouth of Satan, I would support them.”

ASUM also passed a resolution creating a committee to address ASUM Child Care issues and one amending the UC Board’s bylaws to clarify its functions. A resolution to protect students from fee-collection abuse by requiring students to “opt in” for the fees came before the Senate, but it chose to postpone the decision after it was reviewed in the wrong committee. They will address this issue again in three weeks when the Senate reconvenes.

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<b>LOST &amp; FOUND</b>  LOST: Gray hooded sweatshirt - "2003 Boys Class AA State Basketball Tournament" on front. Big Sky Eagles logo on hood. 243-3194. gburfy@msn.com  LOST: Golden earring in or around Mansfield library, or Lomansen center. Please call 243-1487 if found.  FOUND: Jack Wolfskin green and black backpack, corner of Beckwith and Maurice. 360-8242  LOST: Yellow Trek 7000 taken from library bike stand on 11-11-03. PLEASE give it back (707) 321-5177  LOST: Black Motorola phone w/ blue cover. If found: please call 370-4739  LOST: silver/gray ring with blue stone. Lots of sentimental value! Call Katherine at 546-3369 REWARD!	<p>Lifeguarding class being offered @ the Montana Athletic Club. Great job for anyone. Call Tim @ 546-9719 or call the Club @ 251-3344. (Saturdays starting Nov. 15th @ 10am)</p> <p>Fall Ball - November 15 Tickets - UC Box Office/DHC \$10 single/\$18 couple - formal attire.</p> <p>FRUSTRATED WITH WHAT'S GOING ON? Express your feelings with a button or poster from the Peace Center, 519 S. Higgins. Nearby.</p> <p>Work to change the world AND get a paycheck! The Office for Civic Engagement is now accepting applications for a work-study position. The Student Advocacy Program Coordinator will develop and implement information, training, and opportunities to expand advocacy and social activism for UM students. Applications available in Social Science 126, deadline Nov. 26.</p>	<b>HELP WANTED</b>  Make Money taking Online Surveys. Earn \$10-\$125 for Surveys. Earn \$25-\$250 for Focus Groups. Visit <a href="http://www.cash4students.com/mtum">www.cash4students.com/mtum</a>  TUTORS WANTED: Word/Family Basics looking for Volunteer tutors to help in elementary and middle schools 2hrs/wk. Call Jodi 543-3550 x 64  Addressers wanted immediately! No experience necessary. Work at home. Call 405-447-6397  Part-time Car Rental Rep. Send resume to Hertz, 5225 Hwy 10 W. #12 Missoula, MT 59808	<b>FOR RENT</b>  WEEKEND CABINS - \$33-\$55/night. 251-6611, <a href="http://www.bigsky.net/fishing">www.bigsky.net/fishing</a> Rock Creek Cabins.  Come talk to the "Rental Experts" for a great selection of apartments and houses. Professional Property Management. 721-8990. <a href="http://Professionalproperty.com">Professionalproperty.com</a> 711 Palmer, 3 BD New W/D, Nice interior, convenient location. \$750/\$750 239-2034	<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>  BARTENDER TRAINEES NEEDED \$250 a day Potential Local positions 1-800-293-3985 ext 417
<b>PERSONALS</b>  HOLIDAY FEVER? Free, anonymous HIV counseling & testing....Call 243-2122 and press 1.  Don't forget to refill or renew your birth control before the break! Curry Health Center. 243-2122	<b>SERVICES</b>  Carpet Cleaning Average Apartment \$45 to \$55 call 721-0175. 20 years experience.	<b>FOR SALE</b>  Griz/ Eastern Washington Football tickets for sale. 406-366-0517	<b>COMPUTERS</b>  Have a Mac? Have Problems? Call Peet at 370-4566. Reduced rates for students and contract work. Also willing to trade.	<b>DOES GOD EXIST</b>  Find out Monday, Nov 17th at 6:30 pm at the University of Montana University Center Ballroom (3rd floor) - an Oxford Philosopher and California Lawyer debate.

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